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## Summary

### About this Release

The Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) is a national standard classification and replaces the ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ). ASCED is comprised of two component classifications, Level of Education and Field of Education. It provides a basis for comparable administrative and statistical data on educational activities and attainment classified by level and field. The ASCED Coder provides details of the conceptual basis of ASCED, the structure of the classification, definitions for all categories of level and field and concordances to other relevant classifications.

### THE ASCED CODER

The ASCED Coder is a Windows-based structured coding system on CD-ROM which provides a quick and efficient way to code education information to ASCED First Edition Revision 1. The ASCED Coder incorporates a detailed coding index (an extensive list of education titles) which enables coding to the education (6-digit) level of ASCED with a higher degree of accuracy and consistency than is possible when using just the classification structure and definitions.

Using the ASCED Coder does not require a detailed knowledge of the ASCED structure nor of the composition of the education sector. The ASCED Coder assigns codes according to strictly prescribed rules, most of which are incorporated into the Coder.

This ASCED Coder is intended for statistical purposes only.

### SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

The ASCED Coder comprises the software and data files necessary for operation in a Windows environment.

#### Minimum system requirements:

- Windows 95 and Windows NT 4.x or above
- 386 DX or higher processor
- 16 MB RAM
- 100 MB free disk space
- VGA or better monitor (at least 256 colours required)
- CD-ROM drive

### TUTORIAL

The ASCED Coder includes an in-built 'Help' facility. To learn to code education information properly you should complete the lessons provided in the Help facility.

There are five lessons covering the main coding procedures. Each lesson contains an

explanation of the procedures covered in that lesson. Coding examples and exercises are included in each lesson to reinforce these procedures. Additional coding exercises and the solutions to all coding exercises are also provided.

## **UPDATES**

The Coder will be updated periodically. When an update edition is available, all registered clients will be notified and/or a notification will be placed on the ABS website.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

To obtain a copy of the ASCED Coder or for further information about the ASCED Coder, please call the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

Please note that users of the Coder will be required to sign a licence agreement before they receive their copy of the Coder.

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